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Jury Empaneled In CIA Mail Case

NEW YORK (UPI) — An advisory jury was empaneled yesterday for the expected awarding of monetary damages to three persons whose mail correspondence with the Soviet Union was opened by the CIA.

Brooklyn Federal Court Judge Jack Weinstein, in swearing in the jury under a procedure rarely invoked, said the CIA had admitted the illegal mail openings.

"The United States will not contest these claims, but rather agrees that the opening of the mail was not authorized by law," Weinstein said.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs said illegal mail openings occurred between 1953 and 1973 at a CIA facility at New York's Kennedy Airport.